

VIBRATIONS



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IT'S SPRING... CATCH THE FEVER!



STOP! Go find your calendar, datebook or whatever and mark down MAY 29, 30, & 31! The

CAC and the OSA will again co-sponsor a major weekend work project at Owasppe, and your help is requested. As before, Council will provide the materials, food and housing for all workers. Every type of worker is needed from laborer to electrical foreman. There will be something for everyone.

If you haven't been able to attend before, you've been missing the greatest weekend event ever. During the day on both Saturday and Sunday, we will do what we can for the camp and the Scouts. Saturday night, we will once again reunite in fellowship. Remember, anyone can attend that is willing to work, make new friends and enjoy being a part of our Association. This weekend has always proved to be a heart-warming pilgrimage.

It is important that we know if you are coming and when you plan to arrive as this is needed for sufficient planning (SEE THE ENCLOSED RESERVATION SLIP).

We will have sign-in at cabin #1 at Staff Village that Friday. If you cannot attend that weekend but can make it some other time, arrangements should be made directly through Jim Chandler at the Scout office, 782-3990.

If you cannot physically help, perhaps you can assist financially. Even though materials will be arranged for assigned



projects, there is always something that is needed at the last minute. Donations can help us overcome this problem. Any excess funds will be applied to what we have previously collected to purchase needed tools and equipment for Owasppe. If you cannot attend, \$10 or better would certainly be appreciated and well-used.

Come catch the fever and help the camps! If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Phil "Chauncey" Niziol at 562-4874 between 7 and 10 PM or at 732-5015 between 8:30 and 5. Let's make this our best effort yet! Please fill-out the enclosed slip and give us your "Quick Action" response today!!!

attention please!

The OSA has planned its first garage sale for June 13, 9 to 5, at 2304 W. Estes in Chicago. Hosts for the event are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Young. If, after cleaning-out your basement or attic, you discover a "saleable item" you would like to donate to the OSA, just call Ken or Rosey at 465-2276. This is another way we are offering people to help the OSA and its efforts to help the camps. Receipts for these donations will be presented upon request. Volunteers are being sought to help price items and "work the store." So, do your Spring cleaning and give us a call!



STAMPS FOR CAMP

The OSA Green Stamp drive is in its waning days. If you have yet to send in your hoard, please do so before June 1. Send them to our PO Box 97 or drop them off at the Council office or at Owasppe. A purchase will be made sometime in June.

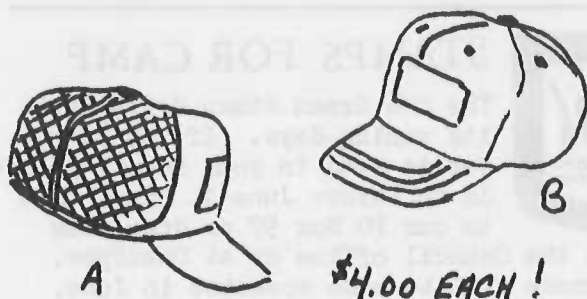
★★ SPECIAL ★★ ANNOUNCEMENT

The OSA Family Weekend at Owasippe Family Camp (section B) is set for Sept 18-20. Cost is \$30 per cabin and reservations are NOW being taken on a first come, first paid - first served basis. 7 cabins are already booked out of 20 allotted. Please make your checks payable to the OSA and send them in ASAP with your request! The cabins sleep 6 and have a modern kitchen. Boating and possibly swimming will be available. A pot-luck dinner and camp-fire are also on tap. Your family will enjoy what will be available. Program details will be in our next newsletter. (PS: It is suggested that you bring your own kitchen utensils, however a basic kit is available from the ranger. A key deposit is required upon arrival and boats are for rental only.)

CAPS WITH EMBLEMS

Two styles of OSA Caps are now for sale - each for \$4.00. Both are adjustable, and washable. Cap (A) has the four back panels as white nylon mesh and the front two panels and bill as a kelly-green double knit material. Cap (B) is a kelly-green full cotton cap which is lined with foam and is vented. It also features a cushioned sweatband. Both caps sport a rectangular embroidered OSA patch with gold stitching.

The caps will be available for sale at the forthcoming events. Anyone wishing to purchase one sooner than that should contact Phil "Chauncey" Nizioł at 562-4874. Orders that have to be shipped will cost extra.



Take Note...

THE 3rd ANNUAL PICNIC WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, AT EVANS FIELD ON THATCHER AVENUE JUST NORTH OF NORTH AVE. NEAR ELMWOOD PARK, ILLINOIS. SEE OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER FOR DETAILS.

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LIFERS:

The following are Life Members of the Owasippe Staff Association. Such registration is possible by paying dues of \$100 or by "honorary" status bestowed by the Board of Directors for exemplary service to the camps.

BOB BAVIRSHA
HON. JOHN CROWN
FERRIS HALE *
RON KULAK
WHITT LLOYD *
BILL LOTTER
KEVIN MURPHY
CHUCK NORMAN

* honorary lifetime

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OSA Letters to Editor
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VIBRATIONS is published quarterly under the auspices of the Owasippe Staff Assoc., Inc., PO BOX 97, WESTCHESTER, ILL., 60153...Ron Kulak, editor. It is the intent of the OSA to not only serve the camps and their programs but to preserve the ties between past and present staff and to stimulate interest and support for Owasippe.

A message from the president

by Jack "Tiny" Norman

In the past few months, the OSA has developed a very good working relationship with the Chicago Area Council, BSA. Part of this is because of a new understanding between the Council and myself, but I do not mean to pat myself on the back. I have done this for the good of both the OSA and the CAC. In the past, we have been stubborn on certain issues that we felt deserved support. In the process, mistakes have been made by us and by the Council. We should learn from them and continue to work together. If we, as a "service" organization, can't do that, then our purpose is not being fulfilled, and, perhaps, we should look to different directions or to different leadership.

The leadership of the OSA should never become "stale" and should never allow a bad taste to linger. The challenge is to look past previous problems and to look forward to new directions and to a better association with the Council. This should not be interpreted to mean that we would become the "pawns" (another Scouter's term, not mine) of the CAC, but rather should show that only a unique working partnership can preserve and enhance the Scout camping program that we have been a part of for so long.

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Nine committee chairmen have been chosen thus far: Membership - Pat Monahan; Finance & Fund Raising - Bill Lotter; Newsletter - Ron Kulak; Fix-It - Phil Niziol and Joe Sener; Surveys - Gordon Stiefel; Picnic - Chuck Nagel; Garage Sale - Ken Young; Cap Sales - Phil Niziol; and Rules and Special Projects - Joe Sener. The following committees are still in need of leadership and need to be set soon: Banquet, OSR Family Weekend, Fall Fix-It, Pizza Night, Nominations and Elections, and Camperall '82. I would prefer to see non-board members fill these slots. All committees need our support as they make our organization "go." Generally, these groups function around one event and are not usually year-long preoccupations. Our membership survey shows that you want to get more involved, so here's the chance.

Anyone wishing to talk to me about any topic or who would like to share an idea can call me during the day at 458-0380.

To the editor

Last week, I became a life member of an organization whose life membership dues are three times what the OSA has set as its life membership dues. Now, I can no more afford three hundred dollars for this organization as I can afford one-hundred dollars for the OSA, at least not at any one time.

This organization has a budget plan where, for \$25 per quarter, I can be a life member. They get their life members, I get my life membership, and I can still buy groceries for the next month. If the OSA had such a plan, I would be the first to dive at it. With a very minimal amount of support money, a percentage of the dues paid, we would both be satisfied.

I hope this would be given some thought.

- J. Sener

**FIX-IT: MAY
29-30-31**

All of a sudden...
the whole gang will join in!

TOOLS PURCHASED

On the weekend of March 7, needed tools were presented to the near-in camps after a research of their respective needs by the OSA. Our Board of Directors allocated funds for the following: (1)Hoover - 1 set of impact wrench sockets; (2)Kiwanis - 3 shovels, 3 rakes and 1 post-hole digger; and (3)Ft. Dearborn - 2 hand axes, 2 full axes, 2 hand saws, 2 bow saws, and 1 post-hole digger. A list has been put together by OSR Ranger Ed Hoolehan on the immediate tool needs of Owasisippe. It is the hope of the OSA to fulfill some of these requests through our green stamp drive and other donations by this June.

Membership

by Pat Monahan

WE MADE IT! At our 3rd Annual Meeting, the OSA registered its 200th member! This was complemented by two new life members, Kevin Murphy and Bob Bavirsha. Others joining that night proved a blend of former staffers and present Scouters. The OSA would also like to especially welcome Ed and Jean Jacobs into our club. Their involvement in our organization is further evidence of the strong working relationship between us and the CAC.

The OSA continues to gain through the recruitment efforts of its members. In the weeks since our March 7 gathering, Judge John Crown has joined as a Life Member bringing our total of "lifers" to nine. A big "Thank-You" goes out to Jack Copeland who supplied us with a list of 18 contacts who served on the reservation staff from the late 30's to the early 50's. If you keep in touch with folks whom you would feel would enjoy being members, let them know about us. Please keep passing those names and addresses along! We would also like to encourage those who have not yet renewed for '81 to do so. Let's ALL maintain "Owasippe's Bond of Friendship."

WELCOME ABOARD

Since our last newsletter in February, the following have become part of the Association:

Frank Accardi
Sharon L. Baker
Duke Bertke
Joseph A. Bolbot
Curt W. Cavnar
Victor H. Cibelli
Hon. John Crown
Steve Debnar
Lynn "Swoop" Dellamano
William Foertsch
Dan Franklin
James Hoiden
Edward C. Jacobs
Jean L. Jacobs
Theodore G. James, MD
Georgia Johnson
Thomas Judd
Jory T. Lannes
Mary Faye Nedza
Roger Oberholtzer
John Pischl
Joseph Typetanar

Jan Wiegler
Carol Zielinski

POSTSCRIPT: Initial membership is \$10; annual renewals is \$5 (multi-year membership is accepted); and life-time membership at \$100. ID cards are prepared each year. Engraved plaques are presented to lifers.

BUREAU OF ACCURACY: Theresa Horvath's name should have been on the roster printed in the February newsletter. We are sorry for the error.

ANNUAL MEETING

by Chuck Nagel and Mark Behnke

The 3rd Annual Meeting-Dinner-Dance is now in the OSA history books. The event on March 7 was attended by 200 people, the largest crowd to ever participate in an OSA function. This year's banquet was chaired by Roy Martino who, with his committee put together a fine, entertaining evening.



(Phil "Chauncey" Niziol and Scott Weber orchestrate a round of camp songs.)

Three members were elected that night to the Board of Directors from a slate of 5. Gordon Stiefel and Mike Schlagel are coming to the board for the first time while Ron Kulak is returning for a 2nd term. Each will be serving a three-year hitch. We would like to express our appreciation to Larry Miller and George Johnson who also were nominated but were not elected. We hope that they will continue to help and support our organization as they have in the past and will, perhaps, run again in the future.



The following will serve as a Board until elections in 1982. Remaining years of each term: (#).

Left to right, Top: Joe Sener(2), Mike Schlagel(3), Gordon Stiefel(3), Jack Norman(1), Phil Niziol(1), Ron Kulak(3); Bottom: Mark Behnke(1), Pat Monahan(2), Bill Lotter(2).

OPERATING OFFICERS

John Norman - President
Ron Kulak - Vice-President
Mark Behnke - Secretary
Bill Lotter - Treasurer

Any staff member may run for office on the board. Nominations will open this Fall.

After the reports of the operating committee chairmen were given, the group was addressed by Edward Jacobs, Scout Executive of the Chicago Area Council. Mr. Jacobs related the OSA and "The Council" as a fine combination to improve the overall camping program. Some other highlights of the evening were:

- 1) Bud and Bee Liden receiving special recognition for service to the camping facilities;
- 2) Bob Bavirsha being recognized for his efforts at various OSA work weekends and activities;
- 3) Tome Crissey and Chuck Nagel saluted for helping the OSA get on its feet and for their overall service with "the original nine";
- 4) Appointment of 1981-82 operating officers; and
- 5) The running of a small raffle that had numerous winners.



(Jack Norman(right) congratulates Bud and Bernice Liden on their recognition)



(As the beat went on, they danced the night away and rocked around the clock.)

After the corporate meeting, the crowd enjoyed listening and dancing to the tunes of the "Music Company." During the night, Mr. Lotter brought out his squeeze-box and, along with "Chauncey" Niziol and Scott Weber, rekindled the memories of camp with a few old songs. Overall, the evening was filled with the friendship and fellowship that existed at our many camp gatherings. Remember, the next one is March 6, 1982!



CAMP NEWS... ON THE WING



HAPPY BIRTHDAY OWASIPPE...70YEARS OLD AND STILL GOING STRONG! A celebration has been planned for this summer, tentatively set for July 8. Governor Thompson has been invited. It is planned to have a "first day postal cover" and a commemorative patch. Full coverage of the events will be in the WHITE LAKER. Other activities are planned...all this in honor of the years of service to American youth begun in 1910 through the efforts of Council President A. Stanford White and with the ground cleared by the first camp leader, Major H.H. Simmons, in 1911.

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It has been formally approved by the CAC Camp Development Committee to relocate the E. Urner Goodman Museum alias the Owasippe Museum alias the Old Town Hall to the Ad-Center area. A specific location is being researched. No work will begin until all necessary funds are accumulated for the move and restoration. As the existing camp budget and campaign drive do not provide for this, individual donations are being sought to carry this through (See attached.).

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Six days at 1981 Owasippe costs only \$59 ...a bargain when compared to other councils: NE Illinois @ \$67.50, Thatcher Woods @ \$69, New York @ \$75, West Suburban @ \$110 (includes bus transportation). Transportation for Owasippe Scouts has been proposed at \$17. In 1915, the camp application stated, "2 weeks, meals, transportation... \$15." What happened?

20 people attended the OSR Fix-It WEEK, April 12 - 18. Among those lending a hand were Tony Krier, Sheridan Nunn, Jim Chandler, and Bud & Bernice Liden. The Blackhawk kitchen wall was finished and lots of conservation work accomplished around the dining hall. Bud and Bee are still up there and will remain for awhile.

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Camp Manistee will not again reopen for the South Cook County Girl Scouts. OSR has purchased its kitchen equipment.

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After reviewing the Lake Wolverine aqua-weed problem and possible solutions, the Council Camp Development Committee decided to contract Scientific Aquatic Weed Control to apply a low-volatile herbicide to overgrown parts of the lake. The Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources first and foremost has to approve the project. Mr. Nick Gowe from this firm assured the Council that the chemical(s) is bio-degradable and is geared only to the abundant Water Mill-foil and will not damage any other vegetation nor have any adverse effect on humans or animals. Harvesting has been ruled-out because of its tendency to spread plant development.

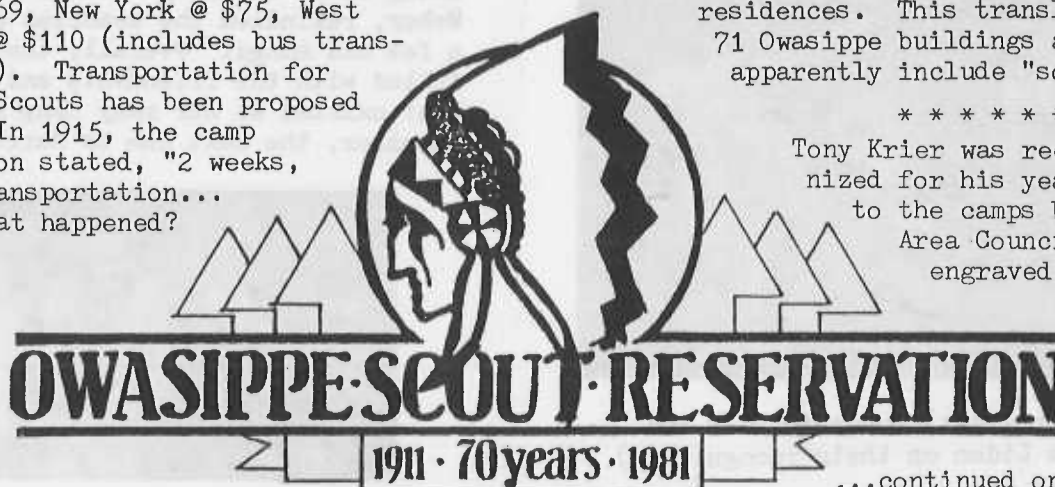
The cost will come to \$95 per acre and about 60 acres will have to be treated. The effect will reportedly be realized by this summer as the lake would be more navigable and the fish population...better balanced through natural means. The application should slow down the existing process of lake-conversion-to-swamp, and it may have to reoccur periodically.

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The National Camp Inspection is tentatively scheduled for July 7. One new item that has been set as a "standard" is the placement of smoke detectors in all fixed residences. This translates into 71 Owasippe buildings and does not apparently include "soft-tops."

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Tony Krier was recently recognized for his years of service to the camps by the Chicago Area Council with an engraved plaque,



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IT'S...THE GALLOPING GRAPEVINE

We are all still remembering the enjoyable evening that Roy Martino, banquet chairman, made possible on March 7! It took a lot of work and nail-biting, but Roy pulled off quite an event. Ed Bosak said it all..."I thought last year's meeting was the best possible...found out I was wrong on March 7th...terrific job."

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Get-well wishes are warmly extended from all the members to Peggy Paxson who is recovering from injuries suffered in an auto accident. Aside from being a very supportive member, she also was working part-time at the Council office and was the first and largest contributor of green stamps toward that campaign. She'll be convalescing at Fountain View Place, 3175 Lancer, Portage, Indiana, 46368.

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Tony (Mr. E) Escobedo is now residing with his new family in Rice Lake, Wisc. He has been finding it increasingly difficult to stay away from Scouting and to pretend he knows little about nothing. As questions are posed and situations arise, a person who is a Silver Beaver, a Vigil Honor O/A Member and a Woodbadger can only hide so long before "the call" is answered! Good luck!

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Rich "Mooch" Christopher has become engaged to Beth Anne McNeil, and they have planned a September '81 wedding. Rich, one of the charter members of the OSA and a member of the camp development committee, is employed as an attorney for the Illinois Bureau of Transportation - Water Resources Division. Beth Anne is originally from the East Coast and is employed at Presbyterian-St. Lukes Hospital. Best wishes to them both!

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NEW ADDITIONS: Steven Anthony, 6 lbs - 1½ oz., born on March 11 to Steve and Lynnette (Kantorski) Debnar; and Patricia Lynn, 5 lbs - 13 oz., born on February 7 to Patrick and Linda (Hanson) Monahan. Welcome to our world kids!

Kudos to Ron Brown who was appointed as Council Director of Support Services on April 6! His new responsibilities will include the overall administration of camping, rangers, training, and the Council service center as well as all program activity areas and major Council events. Ron has served 18 years in "the profession" starting in Birmingham, Alabama as a district executive then as a field director in Tyler, Texas. He has served as camp director of Camp Stuart and also as Asst. Reservation Director at Owasisippe.

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Belated congratulations are warmly extended to Susan Blew who got married last summer to Dennis Puglisi out in San Francisco. She is now employed as a manager in computer systems for Pacific Telephone and spends her spare time as a chairperson for the downtown center of the YWCA Committee of Management and as a director on the board of the 'Y'. Since Sue last worked at Family Camp in 1969, she studied in France and Spain for a year each, graduated from Knox College with a BA in Theatre, and did some traveling around the USA! She is the granddaughter of the late Bob Blew who was our first Honorary Life Member. Best wishes go out to both Sue and Dennis.

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SINK YOUR TEETH
INTO THIS EVENT...



OWASIPPE FIX-IT

"Many times a day, I realize how much my own outer and inner life is built upon the labors of my fellowmen, both living and dead, and how earnestly I must exert myself in order to give in return as much as I have received."

...A. Einstein

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GRAPEVINE CONT...



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Recently joining the OSA is Rudy Pesut who is an economic coordinator for Energy Cooperative, Inc. in Roselle, Ill. He's been camping at Wolverine and Robert Crown since 1965 and has been an assistant SM with Troop 773 since 1971. Rudy is a Vigil Honor Member of the O/A and works with his chapter as camp promotion advisor.

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Sandy De Haan just dropped us a line not too long ago expressing his hope to some day return to the Midwest to visit all his friends. After graduating from the University of Michigan in June with a BS in Physics, he settled down in Kent, Wash. and is now employed by Boeing Aerospace Co. in Seattle. He says the forests and mountains of the area "almost rival the beauty of Owassippe."

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Joe Lichamer is still cruising around with the Coastguard as an ensign. After his ship, the USCGC. Westwind, came out of drydock in Baltimore, he was off to Norfolk, Va; Mayport, Fla; and Guantanamo Bay (Hello, Fidel!), Cuba. R&R stops were made in Haiti, Bermuda and Nova Scotia. This Spring and Summer, the ship is bound for Iceland and Greenland.

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Remember at camp when someone approached you and asked, "Are you a turtle?" Well, a particular response followed which would indicate if you were. We now know that this was more than a passing fad. It was part of the Turtle International Assoc. based at PO Box 96 in Westchester, Illinois. The cost to join is a penny a year but the dues for the first hundred years are asked for in advance. Please note, this year, Turtle Awareness Week will be held July 26 - August 2!

HERE GOES ANOTHER ONE...Carl Young and Marilyn Grossmeyer have formally announced their engagement! A June '82 wedding has tentatively been set. I guess you could say he "hooked" a nice one! Good luck!

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Completing his studies toward a psychology degree at the University of Arkansas is Roger Oberholtzer who also is a new "staff" member of the OSA. After receiving his BA degree this year, he plans to move back to Chicago and begin work toward a PhD in Physiological Psychology. Roger started on staff as a CIT in 1975 and served on the Stuart staffs in '76 and '77.

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Phil Mlady is another student who is completing his studies this year. Aside from being the ranger at Camp Ft. Dearborn, Phil will be getting his BS degree in Applied Behavioral Science from George Williams College this June. He intends to continue at GWC to study for a Masters of Social Work degree. Phil has mentioned that he is "always looking for talented people to lend a hand, foot, head or whatever to improve the camp and program."

...ON THE WING, continued:

No further action has been taken on the sale of OSR land. The 1,565 acres along the White River purchased by the USDA - Forest Service is expected to change hands soon with full disbursement, \$525,000, being made during the 1980-81 Council fiscal year. the other parcel, 1,650 acres around Owassippe Lake, is up for evaluation by the USDA and none of the existing offers from private investors will be reviewed until the government responds. It is presently understood, however, that the Reagan Administration has a temporary freeze on land purchases. The latter parcel was appraised in 1979 for \$410,330, certainly an understatement by 1981 standards.

Any member interested in placing an ad to promote their business, sell that car, announce a garage sale may do so for \$10 a column-inch. For instance, this space would go for \$20. Another idea to defray our growing costs and to help the members. We'll only print four column-inches per newsletter. Send photo-ready copy.